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on the work of the  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
for the Year 1971

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## ANNUAL REPORT 1971

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Loughborough

Your Worship, Mrs. Menday and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my 35th Annual Report on the Health of your Borough.

The number of deaths of infants under the age of one year was 11, giving an infant mortality rate of 15 compared with 20 in 1970. The average for the five years up to and including 1971 was 16.6 compared with 18.0 for the five years up to and including 1970. The provisional figure for England and Wales for 1971 was 18.0. Of the 11 deaths mentioned above five were due to causes operating before birth, namely, congenital defects and prematurity.

40 cases of measles were notified compared with 30 in the previous year. If the pattern of previous years had continued one would have expected a considerably greater number of cases than this, and it would appear that the measles vaccination programme is having an effect. 34 cases of infective hepatitis occurred, all but three in the age range 5 - 24. There was one death from meningitis.

Heart disease, malignant disease and cerebrovascular disease, in that order, were the major causes of death. Of the total of 448 deaths 323 were in persons over 65 years of age, and of these 200 were over 75 years of age.

I indicated last year that the survey, repair and maintenance of the existing stock of housing and the environmental improvement

of the older parts of the town would make increasing demands on the resources of the Health Department, and this prediction has been fully borne out by events. Unless the other health activities of the department are to suffer, an increase in the staff to carry out the work appears essential.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Health and Housing Committee for their support during the year. I am indebted to Mr. Healey, Chief Public Health Inspector, for much of the work of compiling this report and to all members of the staff of the Health Department for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. CAUTLEY HOLDERNESS.



GENERAL STATISTICS - 1971

Area	Reg.Gen.est.	9211 acres
Resident Population ( <del>Census</del> 1971)		48,180
Population (Census 1961)		38,621
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books		15,034
Rateable Value (December 1971)		£2,302,991
Gross Product of 1p rate		£22,913

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births - Number	716
- Rate per 1000 population	14.9
Provisional rate for England and Wales	16.0
Illegitimate live births (% of total live births)	6
Stillbirths - Number	6
- Rate per 1000 total live & stillbirths	8
Total live and stillbirths	722
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	11
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births	15
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	15
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	24
Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	10
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)	17
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	0
Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths	-
Death Rate per 1000 population (crude rate)	9.3
Provisional death rate for England and Wales	11.6



## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

The Registrar General's Returns give the number of births registered, modified by Inward and Outward Residence Transfers. These are classified as Live Births or Stillbirths, Legitimate or Illegitimate. The following table gives a comparison of the figures:

	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
Live Births	Male	328	Male	26
	Female	346	Female	16
Stillbirths	Male	2	Male	1
	Female	2	Female	1
% Stillbirths of Total	0.59		4.54	

## INFANT MORTALITY

The number of deaths of infants under the age of one year was 11 - 6 males and 5 females. This is 4 less than last year, giving an infant mortality rate of 15.0. The provisionsl rate for England and Wales was 18.0.

### Infant Mortality for past 5 years

1967	19.5
1968	14.7
1969	14.0
1970	20.0
1971	15.0

### Infant Deaths - 1971

Congenital Defects	3
Prematurity	2
Birth Injury	2
Respiratory Infection	2
Other	2

### Neo-natal Mortality

The neo-natal mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under the age of 1 month per 1000 live births. Of the 11 infant deaths, 7 were under the age of 1 month, giving a rate of 10.0.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

### Ante-natal Clinic

With the implementation of the policy of attachment of midwives to the various groups of general practitioners in the town, the need for the ante-natal clinic has disappeared and it was discontinued at the end of the year. The relaxation classes, however, are very popular and well attended. They are combined with talks and demonstrations on various aspects of pregnancy, childbirth and the care of the newborn infant, and give the expectant mothers, especially those for whom this is a new experience, greater confidence and help to allay any fears they may have about the impending event.

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Number of women attending for the first time	160	162
Total attendances	588	694

### CHILD WELFARE

The following shows the Welfare Centre facilities available:

<u>Area served</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>Afternoons</u>
Central Area	Lemyngton St.	Tuesday and Thursday.
Shelthorpe and Forest Road	Emmanuel Hall	Monday.
Knightthorpe Estate	Hermitage Road Baptist Chapel	First and third Fridays.
Hathern	Rectory Annexe	First and third Wednesdays.

While the Centres are situated to be convenient to the different areas of the town, there is no restriction on attendance and a mother is free to choose which Centre she prefers.

National Dried Milk and vitamins are available at all the Centres, and a proprietary brand of dried milk and other vitamin preparations are sold by the voluntary workers who also provide valuable assistance with clerical work, making tea for the mothers and generally providing a welcoming atmosphere.



MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE (continued)

Attendances at Welfare Centres

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Children attending -		
(a) under 1 year	507	546
(b) 1 year	445	381
(c) 2 - 4 years	213	201
	<u>1165</u>	<u>1128</u>

First attendances under 1 year represent 71% of the corrected number of live births.

Attendances at Eye Clinic

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Children referred to Clinic	107	86
Children for whom spectacles were prescribed	50	49

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Under this Section the Council is empowered to apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an order for the removal to a suitable place of a person who is suffering from grave chronic disease, or being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, is living in insanitary conditions and is not receiving proper care and attention. A certificate that such action is necessary must be issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

Investigations were made into a few cases during the year and in two of these it was necessary to take formal action for removal.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

All but a few outlying properties are connected to the main drainage system, new extensions having been laid in private estate developments totalling 1339 yards. Details are as follows:-

Davis Development, Craggs Farm	573 yards	- 9" sewer
Bloors Development, Moat Farm	455 yards	- 9" sewer
Jelsons Development, Thorpe Acre	141 yards	- 9" sewer
Wimpeys Development, Thorpe Acre	120 yards	- 6" sewer
Forest Road - reconstruction of broken	50 yards	- 12" sewer

Preliminary plans have been prepared for Stage III, Phase II extensions to the main Sewage Disposal Works at Loughborough (cost £1½ million).

Completion date of the detailed design work advanced, Stage III, Phase I, is expected to be December 1972.

Hathern Works proposals are part of Stage III, Phase II.

### CONSERVANCY SYSTEM

#### Closet Accommodation at 31st December 1971

(1) Pail Closets - 17      (2) Water Closets - 26,284

### WATER SUPPLY

The water supply in the Borough has been both satisfactory in quality and quantity during the year. The sources of supply of the treated water are subject to regular sampling and all results have been satisfactory. 61 samples of raw water and 93 of the treated water were found satisfactory on bacteriological examination. 25 samples examined chemically also proved satisfactory.



## WATER SUPPLY (continued)

2715 yards of water mains of various sizes were laid during the year. Brief details of these extensions are given below:-

	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Size</u>
Hathern - Loughborough Site	40	10"
" " "	53	6"
Derby Road, Loughborough	10	4"
" " "	86	6"
Thorpe Acre Estate, Loughborough	44	3"
" " " "	108	4"
Craggs Farm, Loughborough	198	4"
Moat Farm, Loughborough	516	4"
Thorpe Acre, Loughborough	72	4"
" " "	36	6"
Students Accommodation - Towles Field,		
Loughborough	423	4"
" " "	90	6"
Hathern - Long Whatton	44	6"
" " "	871	12"
Phase 3, Thorpe Acre, Loughborough	120	4"
Fire Main, Havelock Street, Loughborough	4	3"

In addition to the above mains extensions a booster pump at Nanpantan Reservoir was brought into use in October 1971, with the effect of increasing pressure generally in Loughborough during the daytime hours. The increase in head has been of the order of 30 to 40 ft. of water, which has made a noticeable improvement, particularly in the town centre.

It is intended to commence, during the coming year, the laying of an 18" trunk main connecting with the new River Dove Water Board Aqueduct at Dishley on the north side of Loughborough and continuing as a 12" and 10" ring main round part of the north and west side of Loughborough. These proposals, when completed, will considerably improve the general supply in Loughborough, maintaining a more constant pressure at all times.

This information has been kindly supplied by  
Mr. J.A. Tyldesley, Chief Engineer to the  
North West Leicestershire Water Board.

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Forty premises from private houses (15) to Halls of Residence and refectories (9) were treated against infestations by cockroaches, flies, fleas, ants, etc.

Much appreciation has been accorded your Technical Assistant for destroying 62 wasps nests at private residences.

## MILK

### Registration and Licensing

There were 77 distributors, plus 3 vending machines, on the register at 31.12.71.

## ICE CREAM

There are no premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream but 149 premises are registered for its storage and sale.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

### Food Complaints

A total of 42 complaints were received from customers during the year concerning foods found to be unsound or unwholesome due to moulds and foreign bodies, such as wire, nails, grit, etc., embedded in such foods. All were investigated by Public Health Inspectors to ascertain the cause and to avoid a repetition. The time spent appears to have been fully justified as office records show no instances of a recurrence of similar complaints and punitive action under Food legislation is thereby obviated.

Customers are invariably seen by your officers and/or representatives of the food manufacturers concerned, and the circumstances giving rise to their complaints explained and appropriate action and preventive measures taken.

The following amount of foodstuffs was surrendered and disposed of at the Council's controlled refuse tip:-



## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION (continued)

	<u>CONDEMNED FOOD</u>				<u>tons.cwts.lbs.ozs.</u>			
Fresh or frozen meat at retail shops					9	92		
Bacon					1	8		
Ham						6		
Chickens (2)						6		
Roast Beef						15		
Canned Meat					4	103		
Fresh or frozen fruit						16 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Frozen vegetables						17		
Fresh vegetables - Potatoes (blight damage)					4	7		-
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Cooked Meat and Meat Products					548	tins	or	pkts.
Fish and fish products					458	"		"
Fruit					440	"		"
Vegetables					313	"		"
Other Foods					1469	"		"
<u>Miscellaneous items</u>								
Watercress					4	boxes		
Cheese Hoops					38 $\frac{1}{2}$	cases		
Ice cream					1	carton		
<u>Fire Damage</u>								
Wines and Spirits					35	bottles		
Soft Drinks and Cordials					81	"		
Beer					96	"		and cans
Crisps					7	boxes		
Cheese Biscuits					1	box		
Assorted Snacks and Nuts					77	pkts.		

During the year 10 breakdowns in shops' refrigerator plant occurred resulting in food losses which are included in the above list.

## Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

During the year routine inspections of food premises and investigations of the procedures carried out therein have been made and various contraventions rectified. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 came into force on the 1st March 1971, amending and supplementing the earlier 1960 regulations.

## Slaughterhouse

654 day and evening visits have been made to the one licensed slaughterhouse by your Inspectors for the purpose of examining the dressed carcasses and offals, thereby ensuring a disease-free supply of meat in the shops.

Slaughterhouse (continued)

CARCASES EXAMINED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclg. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered	684	-	8	2629	790
Number examined	684	-	8	2629	790
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	5	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	39	-	-	16	19
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	5.7	-	-	0.79	3.29
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9
Percentage of number examined affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.14
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



Slaughterhouse (continued)CARCASES AND ORGANS CONDEMNED

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
<u>Hearts</u>					
Pericarditis	-	-	-	1	4
Cyst. Bovis	2	-	-	-	-
<u>Livers</u>					
Multiple Abscesses	27	-	-	-	-
Distomatosis	4	-	-	3	-
Necrosis	-	-	-	-	2
Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	2
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	2	1
Fatty Infiltration	1	-	-	1	-
Parasites	-	-	-	7	3
<u>Lungs</u>					
Suppurative Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1
Cysts	-	-	-	1	-
<u>Spleen</u>					
Enlargement	1	-	-	-	-
<u>Heads (including Tongues)</u>					
T.B.	-	-	-	-	9
Cyst. Bovis	3	-	-	-	-
<u>Part Carcasses</u>					
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	2
Abscesses	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Whole Carcasses</u>					
Suppurative Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-
Generalised Arthritis	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1
Pyæmia	-	-	-	-	3
Casualty - exhaustion & bruising	-	-	-	-	1
" - difficulty in parturition, etc.	-	-	-	2	-
" -	-	-	-	1	-
Generalised pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1

Total Poundage of Condemned Meat - 14 cwt. 107 lbs. 4 ozs.

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

Several complaints were received and were dealt with by informal action. Details are as follows:-

Woodworking machinery.	Exhaust fan - Laundrette
Compressors.	Dog whining.
School workshop (saws, etc.)	Chimes from Ice Cream van
Gun firing - Cadet Force.	out of specified hours.
Amplified music (2)	Used car dismantling.
Early morning operation of large diesel vehicles.	

Noise and vibration associated with some of these complaints has necessitated individualised procedures in which the details of each case have been systematically examined and remedial measures applied to the particular problem.

## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There are 17 licensed caravan sites in the Borough varying from sites for a single caravan of which there are 6, to a site for 33 and one for 65 caravans. 138 visits and inspections were made to these sites. The following table indicates the classes and validity of licences:-

SITES	NUMBER OF CARAVANS	DURATION OF LICENCE	
6	1	2 expire 1971	4 unlimited
2	2	1 expires 1973	1 unlimited
1	3		unlimited
1	4	Unlimited (reverts to 2 standings in 1972)	
2	6	1 expires 1972	1 unlimited
1	10	Unlimited	
2	12	1 expires 1972	1 unlimited
1	33	Expires December 1971. This site is gradually being 'run down' with a view to reverting to a site for light industry.	
1	65	Unlimited	



## CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960 (continued)

Land shall not be used as a caravan site for more than 28 days within a period of twelve months without a site licence.

In one instance of illegal stationing of caravans on a smallholding it was necessary, in order to establish an unbroken chain of occupancies by certain caravanners, to record daily inspections of the land.

This demand on the services of Public Health Inspectors seemed, at the time, to be unnecessarily onerous.

### REGULATED PREMISES

#### Pet Animals Act 1951

Five applications have been received during the year for a licence to keep a pet shop at specified premises under the above Act, which regulates the sale of pet animals and the condition under which they are kept for sale. Annual licences were granted in each case.

#### Clean Air Act 1956

Four prior approvals were given during the year - 1 for installation of furnaces and 3 for chimney height proposals.

#### Riding Establishments Acts 1964 and 1970

There are two premises licensed as riding establishments which are subject to annual veterinary inspection and local conditions incorporated in the licence.

Under the new Act, notice boards giving information in the event of fire risks must be provided. No persons under the age of 16 years are to be left in charge of premises or of riders who are not competent, and insurance cover for Third Party risks in respect of the horse riders must be taken out.

#### Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

The Council licensed one person to keep a boarding establishment for cats and small pets (not dogs) under this Act, which is concerned with the safety and well-being of such animals boarded out. An inspection of the premises was carried out.

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The general requirements of the Act are directed to making provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in these premises, with the exception that premises where only self-employed persons work and certain close relatives of the employer are excluded from the provisions of the Act.

No. on register	Inspections	Accidents reptd.	Contraventions		
			Found	Remedied	Outstand'g 31.12.71
Offices 181	13	-	7	7	-
Retail Shops 270	53	2	7	1	6
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses 15	7	4	10	4	6
Catering Establishments and Canteens 47	6	3	6	4	2
Fuel Storage Depots 12	2	-	-	-	-

Notices outstanding 1.1.71 5

Notices served during year 1971 8

Notices complied with during year 8

Notices outstanding 31.12.71 5

The Act requires any accident which disables an employee for more than three days to be notified to the Local Authority. Nine such accidents were reported; all were of a minor nature and none was fatal.



## HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

The following list indicates the areas and properties dealt with during the year under review:-

### Clearance Areas, Demolition and Closing Orders made in 1971

#### Clearance Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders

Freehold Street (No.2) C.P.O.....	8 houses
Ashby Road/Union Street C.O.....	5 houses
1,2 & 3 Pinfold Jetty C.P.O.....	3 houses

#### Demolition Orders

9, 10, 10a Pinfold Gate.....	3 houses
96, 98 Nottingham Road.....	2 houses
28, 29 Queen Street.....	2 houses

#### Closing Orders

75 Park Road (part of a building).....	1 house
44 Baxter Gate.....	1 house
95, 97 Ashby Road.....	2 houses

### 1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 403
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1593
2. (a) Number of houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 27
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 81
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 27
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 376

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice

- Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 376



## HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (continued)

### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10,16 of the Housing Act 1957:
  - 1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 4
  - 2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
    - (a) by owners 3
    - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners 0
- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:
  - Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
    - (a) by owners 0
    - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners 0
- (c) Proceedings under Section 17(1) of the Housing Act 1957:
  - 1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 7
  - 2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 14
- (d) Proceedings under Sections 16(4), 17(1), 35(1) Housing Act 1957:
  - 1) Number of unfit dwellinghouses closed 4
  - 2) Number of unfit dwellinghouses closed (voluntary) 0
  - 3) Number of unfit dwellinghouses subsequently made fit and the Closing Order determined 0
- (e) Proceedings under Section 43(1) of the Housing Act 1957:
  - Houses demolished under Clearance Orders 26

### HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

During the year 1971, little work of a practical nature has been undertaken due to staff reorganization in respect of the Improvements Section of the Department. However, considerable thought was given to the possibility of recommending to the Council that a system of registration be adopted to assist in the locating and controlling of these premises.

It became obvious during the summer months that the rate of increase in this type of dwelling was accelerating, and that on a present staffing basis it would be difficult to locate and control, and the Council accepted, in principle, a report suggesting that the staff of the Inspectorate be increased as and when Mr. Crossley, the present student Public Health Inspector, qualified. It is hoped that when the registration scheme is adopted, together with the addition of one inspector, that a more practical control can be instituted.



## HOUSING ACT 1969

### Discretionary Improvement Grants

Percentage grant of approved cost towards reconditioning and improvements under the Act.	50% (up to £1000 max.)
Number of applications for grants received during the year from:	
(a) owner/occupiers	40
(b) owners of rented property	24
Number of applications approved	63
Number of applications refused	1
Number of houses improved during the year	63

### Standard Grants

Number of applications received for standard grants during the year from:	
(a) owner/occupiers	60
(b) owners of rented property	45
Number of applications approved	105
Number of applications refused	nil
Number of properties improved during the year	105

Improvement work under this Act gained momentum during the year helped by national and local publicity. This was reflected in the need to appoint a Technical Assistant and secretarial assistance to help the Housing Improvements Officer.

### Qualification Certificates

The issue of these Certificates has proved to be one of the most time-consuming duties of the Housing Improvements Section, with the number of fresh applications being double that received in 1970 i.e. 234 as against 117. Each dwelling has had to be inspected for repair and amenity, but it is felt as a reflection on the common sense administration of the standards, that very few objections have been received from either landlords or tenants where work has been requested. Close liaison with the County Rent Officer has been maintained throughout the year.

## HOUSING ACT 1969 (continued)

### General Improvement Areas

The highlight of 1971 was the declaration of the first General Improvement Area containing almost 500 houses in the Toothill Road area of the Borough. A public exhibition and meeting was held in the area at which well over 300 residents heard potential schemes explained. The National Building Agency has been engaged to formulate details of a scheme for environmental improvements in the area. A show house is being prepared in the improvement area for public exhibition.

Also, during the year, the Loughborough Draft Town Plan was published which indicates other areas suitable for area improvement. It is interesting to note that already people in these areas are considering forming residents' committees to press their claim for early action.

### Individual Improvement Grants

An important aspect of improvement work is a lively personal approach on receipt of enquiries. Owner-occupier and private landlords must be encouraged to take advantage of improvement grants in suitable cases if the housing stock throughout the Borough is to be improved, and short term clearance avoided. Surprisingly, it has been found that many owner/occupiers and private landlords are completely ignorant of the sub-standard condition of their houses, and are somewhat reluctant to improve to a high standard when advised. Every encouragement should be given therefore to attract private capital into this type of housing and this is now helped with a better rent return. Further, the Corporation have this year approved the payment of grants for space heating and kitchen extensions in suitable cases, in addition to what is normally accepted work for grant aid.

The amount of time spent on housing advisory work by Public Health Inspectors has been considerable, occupying a high proportion of staff time very often without immediate results but producing a large amount of goodwill amongst tenants, landlords and the various professions. It is an essential service which is in constant demand.



## RODENT CONTROL

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

#### (a) Administration

The district continues to be systematically surveyed and disinfection is carried out by the techniques advocated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. The Public Health Inspectors have given assistance in a supervisory capacity, more particularly where structural and drainage defects were associated with rodent infestation.

#### (b) Surface Infestations

93 Block Surveys were carried out involving 315 properties and necessitating 1798 visits by your Technical Assistant and Inspectorate. The following table shows the action taken to deal with surface infestations and also the type of premises treated:-

Number of premises treated	302
Number of poison baits laid	1615
Number of poison baits taken	1010
Estimated number killed - RATS	1882
MICE	1149

#### (c) Premises Treated

Private dwellinghouses	223
Kitchens, canteens, restaurants, etc.	5
Factories and business premises	54
Schools and Colleges	11
Corporation properties	8
Farms	1

#### (d) Sewer Treatments

In June the 43rd maintenance treatment of the public sewers was carried out by Rentokil Limited, following survey of inspection chambers by the Public Health Inspectors. The treatment involved 100 entries into the town foul sewer system, all of which received poison bait.

## FACTORIES

There are 158 premises on the Register and during the year 32 inspections were made in accordance with the provisions of the Factories Act 1937.

Particulars required by the Ministry of Labour are set out in the following tables:-

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to Health including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors

Premises	No. of Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	32	0	0
Factories without mechanical power	0	0	0
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers premises)	0	0	0

2. Outwork

Nature of Work	Outwrkrs in August list	Defaults in sending list	Instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Making wearing apparel	138	0	0	0	0



## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

### General

Houses - Public Health and Housing Acts	403
Infectious Diseases	7
Complaints Investigated	225
Houses in Multiple Occupation	144
Overcrowding	10
Caravan Sites	138
Drainage Inspections and Tests	340
Rats and Mice Infestations	106
Factories with Power	32
Shops, Offices & Railway Premises	86
Schools	3
Interviews with Owners	320
Smoke Observations and Boiler Plant Inspections	107
Revisits to Property under Notice and Visits to Work in Progress	1293
Miscellaneous	257
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### Meat and Foods

Slaughterhouse	654
Butchers' Shops	238
Meat Stalls and Vans	60
Bakehouses	33
Fishmongers, Poulterers and Other Food Shops	268
Fried Fish Shops	50
Dairies and Milk Shops	15
Ice Cream Premises	15
Restaurants and Dining Rooms	308
Factory Canteens	86
Other Food Premises	29
Public Markets, Food Stalls and Mobile Shops	158
Food Hygiene Regulations	790
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TOTAL      =      6175

# NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLETED

	Outstanding 1.1.71	Served 1971	Completed 1971	Outstanding 31.12.71
<u>Public Health Acts</u>				
Informal	74	81	148	7
Formal	-	-	-	-
<u>Housing Acts</u>				
Informal	47	2	9	40
Formal	-	4	3	1
<u>Factories Acts</u>				
Informal	-	-	-	-
<u>Food Hygiene Regulations</u>				
Informal	28	68	83	13
<u>Prevention of Damage by Pests Act</u>				
Informal	-	-	-	-
<u>Noise Abatement Act</u>				
Informal	-	1	1	-

## NUISANCES ABATED AND DEFECTS REMEDIED

### Houses

Chimneys and stacks repaired	7
Ceiling plaster repaired	4
Dampness abated	6
Dampproof course provided or renewed	6
Doors repaired or renewed	3
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	20
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	1
Floors repaired or renewed	10
Roofs repaired or renewed	32
Rooms cleansed or redecorated	1
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	3
Sinks provided, repaired or renewed	2
Sash cords provided or repaired	5
Stairs repaired or renewed or handrail provided	1
External walls repointed	15
Wall plaster repaired	7
Windows repaired or renewed	6
Yards and passages paved or repaired	3
Fencing repaired	1



NUISANCES ABATED AND DEFECTS REMEDIED (continued)

Drainage

Drains cleared of obstructions	99
Drains repaired or reconstructed	14
Inspection chamber provided or repaired	10
W.C's repaired	13
Waste pipes, etc., repaired or renewed	1
W.C. water supply repaired	1

Miscellaneous

Shops redecorated, cleansed and equipment replaced	6
Caravan Sites - repairs and alterations	6

Factories and Workshops

Lack of cleanliness	1
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A vast amount of works of repair to private residences is being carried out in connection with Improvement Grant work which is not included in the above figures.

# CAUSES OF DEATH 1971

<u>Classification</u>		<u>No.of Deaths</u>
B5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1
B11	Meningococcal Infection	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	1
B19(2)	Oesophagus	1
B19(3)	Stomach	12
B19(4)	Intestine	8
B19(5)	Larynx	2
B19(6)	Lung, Bronchus	32
B19(7)	Breast	10
B19(8)	Uterus	3
B19(9)	Prostate	4
B19(10)	Leukaemia	2
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	26
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	8
B46(1)	Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	3
B23	Anaemias	2
B24	Meningitis	1
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	5
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2
B27	Hypertensive Disease	6
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	122
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	24
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	71
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	13
B32	Pneumonia	20
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	7
B33(2)	Asthma	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5
B34	Peptic Ulcer	4
B35	Appendicitis	1
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	3
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	2
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	4
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1
B42	Congenital Anomalies	7
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	3
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	5
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	6
BE48	All Other Accidents	10
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2
BE50	All Other External Causes	1
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# TUBERCULOSIS

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY - 1971

	New Cases				Mortality			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 yr.								
1 year								
2 - 4 years								
5 - 9 years								
10-14 years								
15-19 years	2							
20-24 years								
25-34 years	2		1					
35-44 years				1				
45-54 years		1				1		
55-64 years								
65-74 years	1							
Over 75								
TOTAL	5	1	1	1		1		

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - 1971

## Analysis of Notified Cases and Deaths according to Age Groups

			0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	Over 65	Totals
Diphtheria	Cases													-
	Deaths													-
Scarlet Fever	Cases				3	1	3							7
	Deaths													-
Meningitis	Cases								1		1			2
	Deaths										1			1
Malaria	Cases													-
	Deaths													-
Infective Hepatitis	Cases			1				11	10	10	1	1		34
	Deaths													-
Whooping Cough	Cases				1			9	3					13
	Deaths													-
Measles	Cases		2	10	3	3	5	16	1					40
	Deaths													-
Food Poisoning	Cases			1										1
	Deaths													-
Polio-myelitis and Encephalitis	Para-lytic	Cases												-
	Deaths													-
	Non Para-lytic	Cases												-
	Deaths													-
Acute Encephalitis Post infectious	Cases													-
	Deaths													-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Cases													-
	Deaths													-











